

BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), by inserting a new section 505, that declares as a closed area, the twelve mile area seaward of the territorial sea, not to extend beyond twenty-four nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured, prohibiting fishing and exploitation of natural resources thereon, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended by inserting a new
3 section 505 to read as follows:

4 "Section 505. Closed area.

5 The twelve miles area seaward of the territorial sea not
6 to extend beyond twenty-four nautical miles from the
7 baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is
8 measured is considered as a closed area. Fishing and
9 exploitation of natural resources in this area are
10 prohibited. Any person, who violates this prohibition,
11 including an operator, agent, and representatives of a
12 fishing vessel shall be liable for a civil penalty of not
13 less than \$15,000 and not more than \$50,000. The
14 Authority is prohibited from entertaining a license
15 application for foreign fishing made by a person who
16 violates this section. The Authority shall have
17 discretion to exclude any vessel involved in the violation
18 of this section from a future license or fishing access

